WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir. The statistics published by ILO do not lead to such a conclusion.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Children below 14 years of age are working in some occupations and processes like carpet weaving, manufacture of matches and fireworks etc., in which their employment is prohibited under the law. However, no accurate statistics are available about the number of children engaged in different hazardous occupations.

Functioning of ICAR Complex, Shillong

516. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has a complex at Shillong in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the year when it was established;

(c) the number of officers, scientists, technical staff and labourers working in the complex; and

(d) whether it is a fact that under injunction from the High Court and the Supreme Court the Complex has to pay more than a crore of rupees to labourers as arrears and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research Complex was established in 1975.

(c) The. details of the staff presently working in the complex are:

Staff	Number
Scientific	103
Technical	289
Labourer	650
Administrative	122

(d) -No. However, an amount of Rs. 35 lakhs (Thirty five lakhs) is likely to be paid to the labourers as a result of an order passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal in the case filed by the casual workers for regularisation of their services and for other benefits.

Shortage of Drinking Water in Orissa

517. **SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to** state:

(a) whether Governmen have identified the villages and towns in Orissa which are facing a shortage of drinking water;

(b) if so, the number of such villages and towns;

(c) whether it is a fact that the saline belt and the hilly areas are facing **such** shortage;

(d) if so, the schemes which are proposed to be implemented to provide drinking water to these areas; and by when?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) As per the information received from the Government of Orissa, 42,221 villages and 98 towns are facing shortage of drinking water.

(c) Yes.

(d) For saline belt and hilly area villages water supply facilities and provided through Danija and technology mission in addition to state allocation. For 3 saline belt towns and 18 hilly area